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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

THE Najmu-l-Akhbar (Etawah) of the 8th December,
Appointment of Mr.
White, C.S., to the Directorship of Public Instruction in the United Pros.
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these Provinces, remarks that the rumour appears to be well founded. Most unjustifiable as the appointment is, the Norma would not criticize it in the strong and importment language used by the Calcutte press, especially the Stotemen. But the Najm cannot help asking the Lieutenant Governor on what grounds such an objectionable appointment has been made. Has the Resolution about promotion being given to Educational Officers by conferity become relead letter? the Inspectors of Schools and Principals of Colleges until the Directorship? If io, why was the a an important Department to long entrosted to persons? If not, surely the elevation of an their heads involves come injuntion possess any special qua has had no expanience in

Circulation, 168 copies A native school boy knows more of the Indian system of education than her is it not the height of unwisdom to pitchfork such an inexperienced man into the Directorship? The head of the Educational Department, besides being of ripe experience, should be a sympathetic man. But it is well known that heaven-born Civilians are as a rule very Ri-tempered.

Circulation, 250 copies. December, is glad to state that Mr. White, a Civilian, has been appointed Director of Public Instruction in place of Mr. Griffith, retired. The writer would be glad if Inspectorships of Schools were also bestowed on Civilians. The Educational Department should congratulate itself on the elevation of a Civilian to the Directorship. The administration of that Department is at present very unsatisfactory, but Mr. White is sure to put everything to rights. A code or manual should be framed, describing the duties of every class of educational efficials. The claims of competent teachers to promotion should not be overlooked. The same books should be taught at all the schools.

Circulation, 420 copies.

Circulation, 290 copies. The Aligar's Institute Gazette, of the 18th December, Natives and Govern. States that the prayers of Asiatics, espenient:

cially natives, to God are always just the reverse of what they should be. Natives pray that good rulers may be appointed to rule over them, that Lord Dufferin may prove to be as sympathetic a Vicercy as Lord Riper, that Government may be kind to them, and so forth. Evidently they are under the impression that there are good Governments and had Governments. But they are mintaken. No Government, he it a civilized one or an uncivilized one like the Afghan, is good or had in itself. A Government is always like its subjects. If the nearly are civilized and educated, they are sure to have a nivilized

Government. If they are uncivilized, even a sivilized Gover ernment will rule over them in an uncivilized way. A distinguished statesman has justly observed that if the people are bad, they are sure to bring the Government, however excellent it may be, down to their own level. If they are good, they will make it so, however bad it may be. Hence, instead of praying that they may get a good Viceroy or a good Collector, natives should pray that they may be able to acquire education and ability. "First deserve and then desire " should be their motton The Gazette would especially draw the attention of Musalmans to this sound maxim, who complain of the apathy of Government. The Gazette does not say that they are uncivilized, but that their civilization and learning are not suited to present times. Their old science and learning are now as useless to them as the art of swimming is to a swimmer in traversing Transports rocky or sandy ground.

The Rahbar-i-Hind (Lahore), of the 12th December, Circulat praises the scheme for the giving of Giving of greater publicity to the proceedings of the Legislature. greater publicity to the proces of the Supreme Degislature, and to-

marks that necessary arrangements for giving effect to the measure now appear to have been completed. The editor has lately received copies of the remainder translations of the Indian Telegraph Amendment and the Bransfer of Property Amendment Bills from the Legislative Department A note is added to each of the two Bills to the effect that it is proposed to take further action in regard to the Bill on or about the let December, while copies of the Bill reached the editor on the 5th idem? The publication of the translations should be expedited in fatere. Moreover, when a fill to committed, the date for the entituesion of the R mittee's report should be fixed, with a view to siles ! public sufficient time to criticis should be attached to it was first introdu

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fixed for the submission of the Select Committee's report; and the date fixed for its being finally passed into law.

Circulation, 105 copies.

The Taketh (Moradabad), of the 12th December, briefly describes the treatment of convicts in Treatment of convicts jails, which it does not consider as satisfactory, and makes the following proposals for the consideration of Government :--(1) It is not wise to employ convicts at wells or corn or oil-mills like beasts. They should be taught useful industries, and young and intelligent persons among them should be also given literary education, in order that they may be able to earn their livelihood in an honourable way after their release from the jail and abandon their evil habits. (2) Convicts, especially those from whom hard labour is not exacted, are not fed properly. This is cruelty. It would be a good thing if convicts were allowed to be fed and clothed by their friends and relatives, as in Native States. This arrangement also recommends itself on economical grounds. (3) Convicts should not be shut up at night during the hot weather in barracks which are not properly ventilated. (4) They should be allowed to be visited by their friends once every month. (5) Secret spice should be appointed to watch the conduct of the jail officials, who are accustomed to torture convicts in order to extort bribes from their friends. The officials should not be allowed to remain long at the same place. The District Magistrate should pay a visit to the district jail every day, and see that the convicts are not treated with undue severity.

Circulation, 175 copies. The Naiyar-i-Asam (Moradabad), of the 2nd December, complains that the head-master of the Zila School, Moradabad. Zila School at Moradabad is very strict and fines students heavily. No petition for leave of absence, received after half past ten, is attended to and the petitioner is fined. Sometimes petitions received at ten, and over complete tersigned by the guardians of the boys, are rejected. The headmaster has also fixed very strict rules for the payment of fines. If a fine is not paid on the sixth day after the day

on which is was inflicted) it is cloubled Again, if the whole fine is not paid within the next three days, the name of the boy is removed from the register. (balkburg)

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Tae Almora Akhbar, of the 8th December, regrets to Circulation, single of the second atates that Government, has not pro-

102 copies.

Education in Kumaun. vided the same facilities for education to the inhabitants of Kumalin as to those of the plains. There is only a Mission High School in the province, which teaches up to the Entrance Examination of the Calcutta University." Boys have to go to Ages, Allahabad, or Liebors, to prosecute their further studies, which puts them to no small expense. Moreover, a residence in the plains impaire the health of some boys. Formerly there was a College at Barcilly, which was easily accessible to the ishabitants of Kumaun, but it was abolished some years ago. has hely of the Native States. This arrangement plan recommends that I wanted

The Shafiq-i-Hind (Labore), of the 13th December, states that in the Panjab the relations of the Bane.

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In Bengal and Assam. But it is to

be regretted that there has been a gross failure of justice in a mixed case, which may have a bad effect on those relations. Lately three European soldiers, after drinking freely, left their barracks at Multag in the evening with the avowed object of shooting natives. They repeatedly fired on the road, killing a man and dayses." One of them was convicted of killing the use and sentenced to figorous imprisonment for eix months by the Magistrata. Another soldier, named Burn was committed by th of Europeans, and acquited the achis identity was

shut its eyes to the miscarriage of justice that has taken place; All the three soldiers should have been put on their trial before the Chief Court Had the Court not been able to find out which of them had shot the deceased, all of them should have been punished, because there is no denying the fact that they had resolved to shoot natives. Judges have doubtless to encounter many difficulties in deciding such cases. But the people, being unacquainted with the nice distinctions of law, look only to the result. They cannot but infer from the acquittal of Burn that justice is not dispensed with: impartiality in mixed cases. The Civil and Military Gasetta has made very sensible comments on the case, and has clearly shown the necessity for modifying the rule under which guns. and ammunition are always accessible to soldiers. But the Guzette is not right in saying that it is not apparent that the soldiers had any intention of killing natives. They themselves confessed to such an intention. Moreover, one of them who was examined as a witness deposed that, when the deceased was shot, the accused was heard to congratulate himeelf on his success in killing a native. (The Parjabl Akhbar, Labore, of the 10th December, also condemns the acquittal of the socused, and remarks that at least mixed juries should be appointed to try such cases in order to dispel all suspicion from the public mind.)

Circulation, 250 copies, The Hinds Pradip (Allahabad), for December, states that Lord Ripon and Anglo. Lord Ripon has surpassed all his predecessors in his carnestness to promote the best interests of natives, who are now justly showering praises on him out of gratitude on the eve of his retirement. But Anglo-Indians, who are prejudiced against him, do not credit him with any good qualities. They condemn even his merits as demerits. They charge him with weakness of mind in yielding to their opposition to the Ilbert Bill and in modifying the measure in accordance with their wishes. But he should be praised, and not condemned, for this concession. He was always amounted

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way of block improvements. But although three months have elepted did the formation of the new municipal committee, no significant improvement are yet visible. The bye streets and tures are as dirty as before, nor are they lighted at night. The brains are uncovered, and in the bad smell emanating from them in Consequence is 'some thing horrible. The Fradichts departedly times the attention of the authorities to the inefficiency of the police in Valid.

As the police officials have lived long at the same place, they are not feared by the local rought as they should be. Morally over, as they have earned a good deal of saturagy they have become careless in the performance of their detical libition necessary that they should be transferred to other places. necessary that they about a collection of the file following at following the contraction of the file following at following the contraction offices and institutions by Government, but at the extent in question every student has to pay one came a month during the bot weekled. the hot weather towards the maintenance of the hot weath establishment. During the cold monther a monthly fee of a and arguarter cance is levied from each boy to defray the expenses of the solo who do not play, are half of the cost is paid from toution for additional fees presses sever new books, made by the teac introduced every useful and put th

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A correspondent of the same paper is glad to observe Hindi translation of Dr. that Hijs Shive Prantd's History of Hunter's History of India. India has been displaced by Dr. Hunter's History, which is an excellent book, in the school curriculum in these provinces. But it is to be regretted that the Hindi translation of the latter has not been done well. Only the first part of the translation has yet been published. There is a larger admixture of Urdu terms in it than even in the Raja's History. Moreover, it contains many unidiomatic and quaint expressions.

The same paper publishes a poem urging upon the Hindus

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The Hindustani (Lucknow), of the 14th December, regrets to state that the shoe difficulty Lieutenant-Governor's again cropped up at the Lieutenant-Sitapurs Governor's late darbars at Kheri and Sitapur. No native was allowed to enter the darbars with his shoes on. The Deputy Commissioner does not seem to blame, for it is believed that the same restriction was made on the occasion of the late Ráe Bareli darbar. Hence t stant thinks that the prohibition may have emanated from the Secretaries. The Lieutenant-Governor should inquire into the matter and rebuke the person who is responsible for the revival of the unfortunate shoe question. The Hindustan has heard of another noteworthy thing in connection with those darbars. It is said that Sir Alfred Lyall did not rise from his seat when he replied to the addresses presented to him, while the talukdars and the Municipal Commissioners were made to stand up during the delivery of th of respect to him.

The same paper, of the 5th December, adverting to the Lieutenant-Governor's tour in the Site pur Division, hopes that His Honor alon.

will avail himself of the opportunity

to enquire into the present miserable condition of the agricultural classes, brought about by the high-handedness of the local officers, and to consider the subject of the extension of railway to that division. Sitapur is the only division in the province which has yet been denied the advantages of railway. If Sir Alfred Lyall explains those advantages to the talukdars, they are sure to give aid to Government in carrying out the project.

The same paper, of the 7th December, states that Mr. J. White, late Deputy Commissioner of Gonda, and Mr. Ferrar, late Balrampur affairs. Deputy Commissioner of Bahrsich, were of opinion that the State of Balrampur should be placed under the management of the Court of Wards. But Major Forbes, Commissioner of Gonda, was opposed to the proposal. The relations between him and the two officers above mentioned gradually became very unsatisfactory. Mr. Ferrar was first transferred from Bahraich, and Mr. White has also recently been removed from Gonda. Now Major Porbes is all-powerful in the division and can have everything his own way. Very bad rumours are prevalent among the people in connection with Mr. White's transfer. There is no doubt that the Local Government has shown partiality to Major Porbes in this matter. He should also be transferred from Gonde, and the State should be made over to the Court of Wards, in accordance with the late Maharaja's will, to save it from min. The senior Maharani, being quite ignorant, is a more tool in the hands of the unscrupulous and sold-seaking officials.

The same paper, of the 12th December, stater that another case of European violence as bhavinipur. has occurred in Bhavinipur. Laterally a young native girl, thirteen or fourteen years old, vious taking water from the Ganger, was seized by a European taking water from the Ganger, was seized by a European taking water from the Ganger, was seized by a European taking water from the Ganger, was seized by a European taking water from the Ganger, was seized by a European taking water from the Ganger, was seized by a European taking planter and carried by him to his bed-room by force. Since planter and carried by him to his bed-room by force.

has been instituted against him by her relatives. Buch cases have for some time past been very frequent in Bengal and deserve serious consideration at the hand of Mr. Rivers Thompson.

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The Ralban-i-Hind (Labore), of the Sth December, states that the Uedu Guide has in a late Suggested abolition of Covenanted Civil Service. issue given some historical facts about the Uncovenanted Service, and proposed that, if the scale of pay fixed for ancovenanted officers cannot be increased, some posts in the higher ranks of the Judiciel and the Executive Services should be reserved for them. The Rahbar would go still further and recommend the abolition of the Covenanted Civil Service altogether. The invidious distinction made between the Covenanted and Uncovenanted officers is unjust. All candidates for admission to the public service should be required to pass the same examination, and the number of native officers should be equal to that of European.

Circulation, 350 copies. The Raffu-I-Akhbar (Benares), of the 10th December,
Pleadership Examine, urges that the Pleadership Examines
tion held at Allahabad, tion, held at Allahabad in January
every year, should be held at the end of the cold weather, in
order that the candidates may have the whole of that weather for study.

Circulation, 500 copies, A correspondent of the Aftab t. Panjab (Lakore), of the Inhabitants of Kharar 19th December, complains that the Deputy Commissioner of Umballa has issued orders to the effect that petitions from the inhabitants of Kharar will be received of Umballa and not at Kharar. The distance between the two places being no less than thirty miles, the arrangement will cause great inconvenience to suitors. The Deputy Commissioner should reconsider his orders.

BAILWAY

A correspondent of the Hindustan (Lucinow), of the 12th Outh and Robillchand December, complains that an inter-Railway. mediate class carriage in each passenger train on the Oudh and Rohilkhand Railway has lately been reserved for the use of natives, but that it is not supplied with cushions like those intended for Ruropeans and Rura-De not the natives pay the same rates of fare as the Europeans?

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Alleged grievances of Sindh, Panjab and Belli Railway.

The Tilliya-i-Hind (Meernt), of the 8th December, refers Circulation to the following, grievances of native passengers on the Sindh, Panjab, and Delhi Railway, which came to the

editor's notice during his late visit to Labore :-- (1) According to rule the booking office should open at least half an hour before the arrival of the train, but that rule is not observed. The booking-clerk generally puts in his appearance only a few minutes before the arrival of the train, and the result is that the passengers often pay more than the fixed fare in their harry. This is especially the case with the clerk at Ludhiana, who is, moreover, a very ill-tempered men. Passengers are unable to get water at any station at night. When a railway official himself asked the water-eartie Mustafábad to supply water to a puseenger, the man replied that he was shivering from cold! (3) Sometimes more pass gers than the fixed number of presengers are crowded into the compartments of railway carriages. (4) Some young Eurasian officials at the Cantonment station at Umballa for abuse and beat pative pa

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